

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1009

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the
Tennessee Technology Center at McMinnville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that are leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Technology Center at McMinnville is one such estimable institution, deserving of praise for its innovative approaches to education; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Technology Centers are the premier providers for workforce development; they provide state-of-the-art technical training for workers to obtain the technical skills and professional training necessary for career advancement; and

WHEREAS, founded in May of 1966, the Tennessee Technology Center (TTC) at McMinnville will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year; it is one of twenty-seven such centers statewide authorized by legislation enacted by the General Assembly in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Technology Center programs are designed to prepare individuals for employment, either by providing new skills or by developing existing skills, and they also make a significant contribution to the student's intellectual and social development; efforts are made to update equipment and course content in order to provide the educational experience necessary for success in an era of rapid technological change; and

WHEREAS, the TTC at McMinnville awards diplomas for twelve and eighteen month programs in Computer Operator Certificate, Information Processing Technician Certificate, Computer Operation Diploma, Detail Drafter Certificate, Drafting and CAD Technician Certificate, CAD Technician Certificate, and Business Systems Technology Program; and

WHEREAS, the TTC at McMinnville is assisted in its efforts by institutional and craft advisory committees, comprised of community leaders and prospective employers of program

graduates; the instructional staff consists of skilled and knowledgeable people who are competent in an occupational field, as well as being proficient instructors; and

WHEREAS, the mission of TTC at McMinnville is to provide high quality training that is economical and accessible to all residents of Tennessee, thereby contributing to economic and community development in the communities the institution serves; and

WHEREAS, over the past forty years, the teaching facilities at the Center have been expanded three times; four classrooms and two shops were added in 1969, a third shop was completed in 1974, and an outside storage building was constructed in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, when the General Assembly earmarked funds for each TTC to upgrade classroom training equipment and for facility renovation and expansion, facility renovations at TTC-McMinnville included a new boiler system; air conditioning for the shops; new electrical wiring and plumbing; electrical lighting fixtures; painting; 5,000 square feet of additional classroom space; and a staff lounge; also included in the renovation was a handicapped-accessible restroom for men and women located central to the shop areas; and

WHEREAS, the TTC at McMinnville has a Benefit-Cost ratio of 3.02, indicating that the Center has generated triple the benefits compared to the cost of operating the institution; every dollar spent by the TTC at McMinnville induces an additional spending of 37 cents per dollar in the community, as well as creating jobs in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the TTC at McMinnville will continue its efforts to be a dynamic, flexible institution devoted to improving the standard of living for area residents by providing post-secondary vocational-technical education that supports appropriate economic development; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should honor the Tennessee Technology Center at McMinnville as a model of academic excellence and applaud its praiseworthy achievements in educating its fortunate students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the administration, the faculty, the staff, and the students in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Tennessee Technology Center at

McMinnville, and commend its laudable success in teaching marketable professional skills to the citizens of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.